



The Rooks Report

many people...one community

September 30, 2013

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No "First Saturday Talk" for October

See you on November 2, 2013

Location: New Macedonia Baptist Church

7725 Hwy 85, Riverdale, GA 30274

What's On Your Mind?

- Please share with us any stories or items that you would like to have put into this newsletter.
- We want your comments about what we are doing for you here in the district. Please provide us your positive feedback and we will post them in this newsletter (see our comments section on page 15).



Shana M. Rooks,
Clayton County Commissioner—District 3

Greetings District 3 Neighbors:

We will not hold a First Saturday Talk in October as I have a Conference to attend but I look forward to seeing you all in November at New Macedonia in Riverdale. Nevertheless, I must ask you all to Go Pink in observation of Breast Cancer Awareness Month while remembering also that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

I am sure we all know someone or we know someone who knows someone who has been a victim of both of Breast Cancer and/or Domestic Violence. Participate in a Breast Cancer walk this month or attend the Domestic Violence Café hosted by Clayton County's Solicitor General Tasha Mosley who is also a District 3 resident.

Until we see each other, I am always,

In Service,

Shana M. Rooks

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Refuse Control



Refuse Control Division's mission is the cleaning of county buildings, the removal of litter from grounds and roads, graffiti removal, force clean abatement, and grass cutting using inmate labor and court ordered community service workers.

Residents living in the unincorporated areas of Clayton County can contact Refuse Control to have debris removed for a minimum of \$20.00 with increments of \$20.00 depending on the amount of debris and/or size of debris. Yard debris, furniture, appliances, limbs (up to 6" in diameter and no longer than 10 ft.), bags of leaves, and miscellaneous items can be picked up. Old paint cans

will only be accepted if they are empty or the paint has been solidified with cat litter with no lid attached. The following items cannot be picked up: tree trunks, batteries, shingles, bricks, dirt, concrete, oil, any heavy metal or hazardous items. Residents living within the City limits, please contact your City Hall for debris removal.

For Debris Removal: Call 770-477-3548

Debris must be at the street by the curb. An inspector will assess the cost. Pick up of debris will be within 1-3 working days after receipt of payment. Payment can be made to the inspector by check. You can call the office and pay by credit card. You can mail a check or money order. You can also come into the office and pay by cash, check, money order, or credit card.

To report Graffiti: Call 770-477-3548



It's a violation of Clayton County Ordinances to park any type of motor vehicle on an unimproved surface (grass or lawn) in a residential area. The applicable Ordinance reads as follows:

Sec. 94-60. - Prohibited parking of a vehicle within the front yard.

(a)

The parking of a vehicle on grass within the front yard or in front of the principal building within a residential district is prohibited. The parking of a vehicle within the front yard or in front of the principal building within a residential district is prohibited, except on a driveway or other hardened surface made of concrete, asphalt, tar and gravel mix, or the like, or in a carport or garage.

(d)

The director of the community development department is authorized to issue temporary parking permits which would allow temporary parking on the grass or in the front yard of any building within a residential district for funerals, reunions or like events, or during construction projects on the property. A fee of \$25.00 shall be charged for any such permit and said director shall develop rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this provision.

Your Tax Dollars At Work (District 3 Contractor Resurfacing)

COMPLETED

Bonanza Church Road, Jonesboro
Coldstream Court, Hampton
Creek Ridge Circle, Riverdale
Elizabeth Lane, Hampton
Hall Road, Hampton
Knotty Pine Place, Hampton
Olympic Drive, Fayetteville
Ricketts Road, Hampton
Shannon Circle, Hampton
Trinity Park Drive, Riverdale



To Be Completed By the End of October

Commons Court, Jonesboro
Commons Crossing, Jonesboro
Hastings Way, Jonesboro
Lake Forest Trace, Jonesboro
Point View Drive, Jonesboro



My street looks like this...



I would like for it to look like this...

How do I get on the resurfacing list?

If you are interested in having your street resurfaced, please contact our Transportation and Development (T&D) office at 770-477-3674 or via email on the County's website, they will review the request and provide feedback back to you.

How are project locations determined?

Every year T&D evaluates the roads to determine resurfacing needs. Several different technical aspects are taken into consideration during their evaluation. Once an estimated project value is determined they match their resurfacing needs to the available funding to generate a proposed resurfacing list.

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Show on the Road

*Meet with Clayton County
Chairman, Jeff Turner,*

*Elected Officials and
Representatives from all
County Departments.*

*Just by showing up, you have the
opportunity to familiarize yourself with
county operations, receive giveaways,
view live demonstrations, and
touch a fire truck!*

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

4:00pm - 7:00pm

***E.W. Oliver Elementary School
1725 Cheryl Leigh Drive, Riverdale***



*"We exist to partner with the community by building
the desired quality of life for Clayton County."*

Mentoring Program Back At Mundy's Mill High School



The Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services (CCFES) has “adopted” Mundy’s Mill High School (MMHS) through a mentoring program. This program was first started in 2011 when I was told by an administrator that there was a need for more adult male intervention in the high school to help guide their male students. I had served as a mentor for years but on the elementary school level, in particular at Jackson Elementary, and thought this would be a good venture; however, I had never established a program before. There was a great interest from the mentors and mentees. It was difficult to tell who was getting more out of it because both the students and the firefighters looked forward to the weekly visits. However, the program was halted towards the end of last year because of scheduling.

This year we are returning more eager and determined than before. We have a calendar of events for the mentors and mentees and have prepared mission and vision statements that reflect who we are. We are looking to expand the program beyond the school so that it impacts the community. This program is designed to create and foster a positive relationship with at-risk students at MMHS and CCFES firefighters in an attempt to promote positive behavior, reduce the dropout rate, and discourage gang/criminal activity. We also want to instill the sense of pride in community in these young men that we, as CCFES firefighters, have in Clayton County. My vision as Fire Chief and one of the mentors is to spread the FIRE of our mentoring program to other high schools in Clayton County within the next two years.

Dwayne E. Jackson

Interim Fire Chief

Clayton Fire and Emergency Services



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TumbleBookCloud Junior

Animated online picture books for pre-school and early readers, plus games and puzzles.

TumbleBooks

Online picture books for pre-school and early readers

There's a world of new experiences waiting to be downloaded wherever you are, whenever you need them. Check it out! Visit the Clayton County Library System's webpage (www.claytonpl.org) and read a good book.

Join Our Clayton County Email List!

Just send your email address
by text message:

Text

CLAYTON

to **22828** to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.

www.ClaytonCountyGA.gov



SPARC Event Coming This Month!

Clayton County's Department of Senior Services will host its "One Stop Shop for Wellness" event at two area senior centers this month. The first event will take place at the Charley Griswell Senior Center located at 2300 Highway 138 (inside Clayton County International Park) in Jonesboro from 10 am – 2 pm on Friday, October 4, 2013. The second SPARC event is scheduled for Friday, October 18 at the Frank Bailey Senior Center, located at 6213 Riverdale Road in Riverdale, also from 10 am – 2 pm.

Both SPARC events will include free blood pressure screenings, healthy mind and foot assessments, in addition to demonstrations on developing and maintaining a healthier lifestyle. Healthcare professionals will also be on hand providing flu and tetanus immunizations for a nominal fee along with the coordinating and scheduling of mammograms at the county's state of the art outpatient imaging center, Spivey Station. For services that require a nominal fee (immunizations), Medicare/Medicaid and some private insurance will be accepted. There will also be plenty of give-a-ways and door prizes available, along with free fruits and vegetable for the first 150 to successfully complete all of the designated screenings.

Sickness Prevention Achieved through Regional Collaboration (or SPARC) is a community program that brings preventive health care services to older individuals. Currently the program is being implemented through a partnership between the county's Senior Services Department and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). You do not have to be a member of the centers to participate; this event is open to all seniors 55 and older.



"Through dedication, we strive for Excellence"





Clayton County Parks & Recreation District 3 October Events

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	COST
Helping Hands Food Drive	During the month of October at each Recreation Center	All Recreation Centers (see website for details)	Donate Items for Food Drive
Regular Season Football Games	Every Saturday	Panhandle Park	Free
Regular Season Soccer Games	Every Saturday	Soccer Complex	Free
Breast Cancer Awareness Walk	12:30 pm 10/26/2013	South Clayton Recreation Center	Free

Clayton County Parks & Recreation Additional October Events

Fall Festival Includes Lights On Afterschool Rally	10/19/13	Rex Park	Free
Movie Under the Stars	10/19/13 At Dusk	Fall Festival at Rex Park (Halloween Movie)	Free

CLAYTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Actividays

October 10, 11 & 14 2013

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Ages: 5-15

\$15.00 per child/per day

****Registration Dates: Sept 13-Oct. 5th***

*****Children should bring a lunch in an insulated container and 2 snacks.**

*****Swimsuit and towel will be needed for designated swim days.**

Activities included: Arts & Crafts, Games, Swimming, Field Trips, and more.

******Field Trips are not included in registration fees.***

Jim Huie

Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center

9045 Tara Blvd.

Jonesboro, GA 30236

(678) 479-5133

Contact Person: Fallon Burgess

Only 30 Spaces Available

South Clayton Recreation Center

1837 McDonough Road

Hampton, GA 30228

(770)347-0200

Contact Person: Anthony Smith

Only 30 Spaces Available

Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center

1475 E. Fayetteville Rd.

Riverdale, GA 30274

(770)603-4001

Contact Person: Ashley Frederick

Only 30 Spaces Available.

Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center

3499 Rex Rd.

Rex, GA 30273

(770) 472-8042

Contact Person: Jimmie Jones

Only 30 Spaces Available.

*****If you have a child with special needs, and would like for them to participate please contact the Recreation Center in your area for assistance.**



"We Connect Communities Through People, Parks, and Programs".

Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department
Presents



Registration Dates: September 30-October 26, 2013

Ages: 3-5 / Fee: \$30.00

Co-Ed Participation

Games Dates:

Saturday

November 2

November 9

November 16

Registration Locations

&

Contact Information



Marcel Smith

Jim Huie
9045 Tara Boulevard
Jonesboro, GA 30236
678-479-5133

Brooke Hughes

South Clayton
1837 McDonough Road
Hampton, GA. 30228
770-347-0200

Jimmie Jones

Carl Rhodenzie
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PRESENTS.....

Hope Café

October 5, 2013

3pm to 5pm

J. Charley Griswell Senior
Center

2300 Highway 138 E
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

FREE ADMISSION



Domestic Violence Awareness Event



6th Annual Lake Spivey Road Race

Saturday, November 2

ENTRY FEE

5K - \$25 until Oct. 19th, \$30 after

15K - \$30 until Oct. 19th, \$35 after

Race: 2300 Highway, 138 SE, Jonesboro

Register at LakeSpiveyRoadRace.org
770-477-3766

All proceeds benefit the Kid's Outdoors Georgia Childrens Initiative
and Southern Regional Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit



Please Join
Rep. Demetrius Douglas (HD 78)
for a Town Hall Meeting on the

Affordable Care Act

Saturday, October 19, 2013
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Lovejoy Community Center
11622 Hastings Bridge Road
Lovejoy, Georgia 30250

Affordable Health Insurance is now available for you and your family. Please come out and learn more about this new law.

For more information,
please contact Genny Castillo at genny@gahousedems.com

Rep. Demetrius Douglas
House District 78
D-Stockbridge



Rep. Demetrius Douglas represents parts of Clayton and Henry Counties in House District 78. Rep. Douglas serves on the Banks & Banking, Intragovernmental Coordination and Motor Vehicles Committees.

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Atlanta, Georgia 30334
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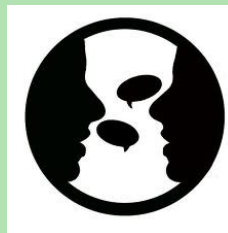


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"We heard your concerns...."

A constituent in Pebble Ridge subdivision brought to our attention a young gentleman bringing an unleashed dog to the elementary school bus stop every morning as he walked his younger sibling to the bus stop. Several kids waiting for the bus were afraid of the dog causing them to run into the street to avoid the dog. Animal Control was contacted and the owner of the dog was given a "leash-law" warning.



Clayton County Government Contact Numbers

(Here are some of our most requested numbers or services)

Animal Control	770-477-3509	Police/South Precinct	770-347-0260
Better Business Bureau	404-766-0875	Refuse Control (handles certain debris and trash on streets, removes dead animals from County roads)	770-477-3548
Board of Commissioners	770-477-3208	Senior Services	770-603-4050
Code Enforcement	678-610-4755	Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	770-471-1122
Community Development	770-477-3569	So. Regional Medical Center	770-991-8000
DFACS	770-473-2300	Tag Office	770-477-3331
Economic Development	770-477-4450	Tax Assessor (Prop .Values)	770-477-3285
Emergency	911	Tax Commissioner (Tax Bills)	770-477-3311
Health Department	678-610-7199	Transportation & Development (Public Works, Road Department/Pot Holes/Traffic Engineering)	770-477-3674
Parks and Recreation	770-477-3766	Water Authority	770-961-2130
Planning and Zoning	770-477-3577		

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WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

AS A RESIDENT OF CLAYTON COUNTY DISTRICT 3, YOU MAY BE FACED WITH CONCERNS OR ISSUES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADDRESSED.

WE WORK WITH OUR CITIZENS TO RESOLVE CONCERNS INVOLVING COUNTY GOVERNMENT, EXPLAIN COUNTY PROGRAMS, EXPEDITE GOVERNMENT ACTION AND SERVE AS LIAISON BETWEEN OUR DEPARTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC.

HOURS OF OPERATION
8AM-5PM (M-F)



Questions/Concerns/Comments

Please contact :

Steven VanDyke - Constituent Aide

Phone: 770-473-5465

Email:

steven.vandyke@claytoncountyga.gov

Please contact us to be added or removed from our email list.



Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday evening of the month at 7pm .

112 Smith Street

Jonesboro, GA 30236

770) 477-3208

The Next First Saturday Talk

New Macedonia Baptist Church

7725 Hwy 85 Riverdale, GA 30274

Saturday, November 2, 2013

10:00 am—12:00 pm



Comments

I find "The Rook Report" to be very informative. I am delighted with the new and transparent ways of Clayton County Government. The "report" is very helpful for many residents who for whatever reason cannot or do not attend monthly meeting. I am encouraged by many of the (positive) changes and look forward to the future of Clayton County.

Respectfully,

Marie

I went running this morning and this issue has been taken care of. Thank you for your attention to this matter. It feels good to know that when you reach out, that action will be taken. I appreciate the feedback.

Thanks,
Nicole